**TELL PROJECT**

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**Preface**

As I have come to learn, many people have their own idea of what being educated means. To me, you can be educated in a variety of ways. I feel that everyone in our world is educated but in a different way. As you grow up, you learn through your family. You learn certain traditions, certain ways of doing things, certain morals, and certain beliefs. Your family takes the responsibility of helping you grow and learn. As you get older you start taking things into your own hands. You start to question certain things and are intrigued about why and how things work. You start to educate yourself. Then comes a day when you are able to take everything you learn and pass it on to others. Everything learned has come from your past experiences and has made you who you are today.



**Part I**

Every day since Kindergarten, I can remember coming home from school and my mom sitting me down at the kitchen table saying, “Do your homework then you will have the rest of your evening free.”I would sit in my wooden chair which seemed like hours, with my pencil in hand staring down at my homework. She would help me when she noticed I was struggling or would encourage me when she saw I had no motivation to do the work. Eventually it got to the point where my mom didn’t even need to tell me to sit down and do homework it was just a habit. I would do it myself but no matter what grade or subject she was always there to help me when I struggled. Even when I was in high school, I would ask my mom if she would be able to quiz me before a test, and she was more than happy to take time to help me out.

Without my mom I believe I would not be the hard-working person I am today. My mom has given up countless hours and hard-earned cash to insure that I have everything I need to become educated. She was and still is my support system to help me get through the tough times. I have learned many things from my mother but most importantly your family will always help you through.

**Part II**

Today I am 50 miles away from my family, from my support system that has been there my whole life. It was a tough transition going to college, but I am figuring things out. I now take my education into my own hands. I go to class, do my assignments, and ask for help when I need it. I have learned no one is going to do the work for you or give you help unless you ask for it. My freshman year in college I remember struggling in a history course. I took it upon myself to talk to my professor and in the long run I got a tutor. I would attend once a week with a list of questions. This is when I truly realized I cared about my education. College is a time to become independent, where you figure things out on your own, decide what you enjoy and most important educate yourself in different ways.

I feel like my mother as well as my family and previous years of schooling prepared me for college. I learned from my family that if you are struggle it is alright to reach out for help and try new things. My teachers have given me my foundation for learning and now that I am in college I feel like I have endless possibilities. I have opportunities to take a variety of classes, join a bunch of clubs, and meet new people. I have thousands of resources at my fingertips and all I have to do is ask! I am educating myself so I can educate others, and that alone excites me because I know I can help others.

**Part III**

Everything is in its place, bulletin boards are decorated, name tags are on the desk, and new books are on the book shelves. I am ready to start my first year as an educator, a new school year, a beginning of a career, and a start to new possibilities. I am ready to help educate and motivate children just as my mother did for me. As each child walks through the door, I want them to feel as though this room is home. I want them to know I am here to help, educate and support them. I want them to want to learn and succeed in everything they do. I want them to appreciate who they are and know their differences are what makes them unique and special, and above all I want them to become educated in their interests and their own ways. I imagine everyone sitting in a circle on the carpet with their special objects in hand, and ready to share with the class. Every child has the opportunity to educate the class about their special interest.

I feel that you become educated in many ways through different people. Each person is educated in a different way so we can learn a little from everyone. We all rely on many people throughout our lives whether it’s a parent, an aunt/uncle, a grandparent, a friend, a sibling, a cousin, or/and an educator. We use this support system to help us get through everything, and in the end we also learn a lot from them.

I would like to dedicate this book to my mom, my family, my friends, my teachers, and everyone else who inspired me to become the educated person who I am today.

What Being Educated Means to Me

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These lyrics sum up this book as well as life and education perfectly. In life, there are times you can share with others what you know; you are a leader. Other times, you don’t always have the answers or know everything but you can learn from others. Others will lead you in the right direction and help you along the way; you will learn as you go.